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SUBJECT: CHIEFS OF MEXICAN DELEGATION TO CIEC COMMISSIONS

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1. FOLLOWING IS BIO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON CHIEFS OF MEXICAN DELEGATIONS TO CIEC COMMISSIONS:

DEVELOPMENT - ROBERTO DAVILA GOMEZ:

DAVILA HAS HELD HIS PRESENT POSITION AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF THE SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE (SIC) SINCE JANUARY 1971. PRIOR TO JOINING SIC, DAVILA SERVED 5 1/2 YEARS AS MINISTER COUNSELOR AT THE MEXICAN EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS, WHERE HE HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EEC) AFFAIRS. HE HAS ALSO REPRESENTED MEXICO AT UNCTAD AND GATT CONFERENCES. DAVILA, WHO HOLDS AN ECONOMICS DEGREE FROM MEXICO'S NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY, IS CONSIDERED AN EXCELLENT TECHNICIAN, RATHER THAN A POLITICIAN. HIS TIES TO THE RULING PRI (INSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTIONARY PARTY) ARE NOMINAL. REPORTEDLY, HE IS A HARD WORKER, DEVOTED

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TO HIS JOB, WITH NO OUTSIDE BUSINESS CONNECTIONS.

US OFFICIALS HAVE DESCRIBED DAVILA AS OPEN-MINDED, BRIGHT, AND EASY TO WORK WITH. HE IS REPORTEDLY FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE UNITED STATES AND WAS COOPERATIVE WITH THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO THE EEC, DURING HIS TOUR IN BRUSSELS. DAVILA IS SYMPATHETIC WITH THE POSITION OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON ECONOMIC ISSUES AND DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY FALL INTO LINE WITH THIRD WORLD VIEWS. HE HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR GREATER MEXICAN-US COOPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. DAVILA IS A FRANCOPHILE, WHO SPEAKS FLUENT FRENCH. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH POORLY, BUT UNDERSTANDS IT ADEQUATELY. DAVILA MET HIS WIFE WHEN SHE WORKED AS SECRETARY TO THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO BRUSSELS. THERE ARE TWO CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY.

FINANCE - HECTOR HERNANDEZ CERVANTES:

HERNANDEZ IS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR FINANCIAL STUDIES AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF THE FINANCE SECRETARIAT, A POST HE HAS HELD SINCE MARCH 1971. HE HAS PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR THE BANCO DE MEXICO, THE SEPARATE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND THE SECRETARIAT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. HERNANDEZ WAS BORN DECEMBER 21, 1931, IN MEXICO CITY. HE EARNED HIS ECONOMICS DEGREE FROM THE NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY (UNAM) AND RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE BANCO DE MEXICO TO DO POST-GRADUATE WORK IN ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE (AUSTRALIA). HE HAS TAUGHT SOCIAL SCIENCES AT EL COLEGIO DE MEXICO, THE COUNTRY'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTE OF GRADUATE STUDIES.

IN HIS PRESENT POSITION HERNANDEZ IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURVEYS AND SITUATION REPORTS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE MEXICAN ECONOMY. HE HAS WORKED WITH PRI PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO ON THE INTERSECRETARIAT DE NEGOCIACIONES COMERCIALES, AN INTER-AGENCY TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE, WHOSE COORDINATING UNIT HERNANDEZ HEADED. HERNANDEZ, WHO SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, HAS BEEN FORTHRIGHT AND COOPERATIVE WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, HE DOES EXHIBIT SOME TYPICALLY MEXICAN NATIONALIST REACTIONS TO US FOREIGN POLICY. FOR EXAMPLE, HE BELIEVES THE US TRADE REFORM ACT OF 1974 COULD BENEFIT MEXICO, BUT DISTRUSTS BASIC INTENTIONS OF THE ACT, SEEING THEM AS AN EXPRESSION OF US ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM.

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RAW MATERIALS - ROMEO FLORES CABALLERO:

FLORES ASSUMED HIS PRESENT POST AS DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SECRETARIAT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIMONY, IN LATE 1975, AFTER WORKING IN THE SELA (LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM) OFFICE OF THE SAME SECRETARIAT. FLORES HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS ADVISOR TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE PRESIDENCY, AS ADVISOR ON HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS TO THE NATIONAL BANK OF FOREIGN COMMERCE, AND IN THE

SECRETARIAT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. IN 1973 HE MANAGED THE SUCCESSFUL GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN OF PEDRO ZORILLA IN NUEVO LEON.

BORN IN MONTERREY ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1935, FLORES RECEIVED A TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE FROM NUEVO LEON NORMAL SCHOOL AND A DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NUEVO LEON. HE EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION FROM SAM HOUSTON STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE IN 1960, AND A PH.D. IN HISTORY IN 1966 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS. HIS THESIS TOPIC WAS THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICA.

FLORES HAS TAUGHT IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AS WELL AS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NUEVO LEON, THE NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY. HE HAS HELD A GUEST PROFESSORSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

EMBOFFS DESCRIBE FLORES AS INTELLIGENT AND CAPABLE BUT EXHIBITING THE COMMON MEXICAN AMBIVALENCE OF GRUDGING ADMIRATION COUPLED WITH RESENTMENT TOWARD THE U.S. AT A SEMINAR ON BORDER PROBLEMS HELD IN TUSCON, ARIZONA IN JANUARY 1975 HE SAID THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT PROBLEM WAS THE GREATEST SOURCE OF TENSION IN US-MEXICAN RELATIONS. HE IS SOMEWHAT A CHAMPION OF THIRD WORLD INTERESTS.

FLORES AND HIS WIFE, MARIA ELENE, WHO IS ALSO A TEACHER, HAVE TWO CHILDREN.

ENERGY - EMILIO OCAMPO:

OCAMPO IS DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM, SECRETARIAT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIMONY. WHILE EMBASSY FILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION ON OCAMPO, FORMER EMBASSY PETROLEUM OFFICER, RICHARD STEMPEL, CURRENTLY IN THE ADVANCED ECONOMICS COURSE AT FSI, MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DATA.

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